

THE LATEST

BY TELEGRAPH.

THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8, 1866.—On motion of Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, a resolution was adopted directing the Secretary of State to lay before the House all correspondence had by the State Department relative to the discovery and arrest of John H. Surratt.

Mr. Boutwell introduced for reference a bill to provide for the sale of gold by directing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell \$2,000,000 of gold every Monday morning in New York in parcels not to exceed \$10,000 each, and providing that no sale of gold be made in any other way, and that no such sales shall be made when the amount of gold in the Treasury does not exceed \$2,000,000.

Also that public notice of the time and place of such sales shall be given in one newspaper in each of the twelve principal cities of the United States; and provided that the Secretary may allow a commission to the person making such sales not to exceed one-fifth of one per cent. of the amount sold. Also that the Secretary shall, from time to time, invest proceeds of such sales in interest paying bonds of the United States, and that the bonds so purchased shall be marked "negotiable," and the interest thereon shall be invested in other bonds to be held and treated in the same manner.

The fourth section provides that no collector of Internal Revenue or any public officer shall deposit the funds of the United States in any banking institution whenever his office or place of business is within two hundred miles of the Treasury of the United States, or of an Assistant Treasury or any designated depository of the public money.

The bill was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

The President's message was received and laid on the table.

FROM EUROPE.

[PER ATLANTIC CABLE.]

WEANER EXCITEMENT ON THE INCREASE—TROOPS SENT TO IRELAND.

London, Nov. 3.—Two regiments of troops have been ordered to leave here to-day for Ireland. The first excitement is on the part of the various regiments and corps, who are to be circumcised in regard to the wharves of Stephens. An immense reform demonstration is in progress in this city this forenoon.

There is no doubt but that James Stephens is on French soil, giving directions for the movements in Ireland, in this country. His name is not known to the world. The present effort of Ireland to redeem their island has the sympathy of the French Emperor and it will not be an easy task to bring him to justice. The English-speaking community with their compatriots in Ireland at the hands of the French Police manipulated for the occasion.

Ireland notwithstanding the embargo on the cable despatched in a peculiar cipher agreed upon with Mr. Stephens left New York, having been informed that the organization containing important information yet made public, but which will be given at proper time. It is supposed to relate to exact information of the movements of the French on their raid to cripple the commerce of England. It is also understood that a demonstration is to be made by the West Point Guards in Cork, and that the movement of the New England Fenians from Vermont in the event that the condemned Fenian prisoners will not be allowed to go to Ireland. The Fenians are now in Ireland, and anticipating that England would exercise censorship over their intelligence relating to the progress of the rebellion, he has provided a successful plan whereby he is enabled to advise in all important matters. Collections of arms still continue.

INCENDIARISM IN LA CROSSE.

La Crosse, Dec. 3.—An attempt was made last night, just after dark to burn the Old Hotel, the Bank and the Fidelity, a Norwegian newspaper, offices. The fire was set in two places, but was discovered and extinguished before it had attained such headway as to be uncontrollable. The damage will not exceed \$500.

FENIAN TRIAL.

New York, December 3.—It is not the intention of the Canadian Government to issue a special commission for the trial of the Fenian prisoners who were at large, as was expected, the time of the Judge's being too much occupied to admit of it. It is said however that the trials will come off at the January session.

FIRE IN OIL CITY.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 3.—A fire occurred at Oil City last evening, in a small frame house near the depot occupied by John Deakhan. An old man a hundred years old, a labor aged 30, and a boy aged 11 years were dead.

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

Washington, December 2.—Governor Marvin has been elected United States Senator from Florida for six years, from March 4. Both branches of the Legislature of Georgia have adopted resolutions of sympathy for Jefferson Davis.

FINANCIAL.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 3, 1866.
Gold—Opened at 141 and closed at 141½.
Stocks—Normal.
Money—On call 6 per cent.
Bonds—Quoted at 1½%.

COMMERCIAL.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 3, 1866.

Wheat—Flour, at 9½c. 30c. for No 1; 17½c. 1½c. for No 2; 16½c. 28c. for No 3.
Flour—Normal.
Wheat—30c. per cent.
Cotton—66 cents.
Cane—12½c. cents for No 2.
Hides—Dressed 6.50c. 60c.; Hides 5.75c. 65c.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

A MAN IN PRINCETON LOSES HIS RIGHT ARM.

From the Minneapolis Atlas.

Mr. Benjamin Soule, of Princeton, met with a very painful accident at that place Thursday night, which resulted in the loss of his right arm. It occurred in this manner: He was engaged in tending a grist mill, and while attempting to take out a cob from the feeder, his arm caught in the driving rod, and almost instantly wound around it, breaking the forearm in at least a dozen places, before he could be rescued. A workman standing near, seeing his great efforts, attempted to throw off the belt attached to the rod, but being unable to do so, he grasped hold of him with his full strength, to save his life, and in doing so, pulled the arm off at the elbow, severing the flesh with it several inches above, making a most frightful wound.

Dr. A. A. Ames was summoned, and reached the wounded man at 10 o'clock. After examination of the arm he found it amputated necessary, which he performed successfully, and when he left yesterday morning, the man was in a good condition, with every prospect of recovery.

Curious Behavior of a Portland Girl.

A beautiful young lady of Portland (exposed), in a letter to the Boston Herald, frequently, during the past year, has been in the habit of getting herself up as an aged man, and coming to town on the cars. In her disguise she would stroll about the city to the amusement of the passengers, and the few friends in the secret, of the fun she had enjoyed. It often occurred to her, she seemed deafness. The venerable form had become quite familiar in the streets of Portland; but none dreamed that beneath those gray hairs nestled soft aurum rings; that beneath those green goggly eyes, a pair of rosy lips, and a pair of young breasts, came to grief. Protruding her strolls too long the station just as she limped into the depot. A smart enabled the foolish girl to throw herself upon the rear platform, but just as she did so, away went hat, wig and goggles. Two gentlemen on the rear platform were considerably astonished, but the young lady had made no pretense to mind to expose her frightened semblance of a woman, and it being nightfall, the gentlemen, who proved to be the genuine article, got the girl to her home without further publicity.

A Touch of Southern Romance—A Lament over the Good Old Days.

From the Brandon (Miss.) Republican, Nov. 22.

The time was when the honest old dame went up and went to work at break of day, with a full stomach, good comfortable clothing on his back, good shoes on his feet, a coat as light and airy as a gossamer, and a moccasin on his foot, and his mother sang to him as he went along. When the day's work was over he laid down the shovel and the hoe, went to his comfortable log cabin, ate the wholesome supper furnished by his kind old master, and then lighted his pipe, took down his banjo and played, sung and danced until the bell rang for him to go to bed. Good old master, who had a kind word for every thing, for his master, and for his master's children, for his master's comfort, and as he had no care, he could sleep soundly.

Alas! he cannot sing and dance with the same zest now. He has no old master to furnish him with food and raiment. His kind master to take care of him when he gets sick. No comfortable cabin to live in. No thick clothing to shield him from the storm, and no coat to keep him warm, and his mother so as to have him cannot sing and dance. Candidly, we have not heard of a real old fashioned negro frolic since the poor darkey was set free.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

—Of the English aristocracy are

managing a taste for commercial life, and while a sensation has lately been created in its ranks by the determination of Lord Archibald Campbell, second son of the Duke of Argyll, with consent of the Duke and Duchess, his father and mother, to open business in the New England Fenians from Vermont in the event that the condemned Fenian prisoners will not be allowed to go to Ireland. The Fenians are now in Ireland, and anticipating that England would exercise censorship over their intelligence relating to the progress of the rebellion, he has provided a successful plan whereby he is enabled to advise in all important matters. Collections of arms still continue.

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The legs are placed in iron boots, and

subjected to an oscillatory motion of \$1,000 a minute, with arms suspended by 2,000 a minute. The object is to vivify and invigorate the action of muscles and nerves. The operation causes almost insufferable heat to the extremities. His excellency's health is improved.

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—The death of the Marquis of Waterford is announced by the European steamer as having occurred near Dublin on the 6th instant. This is not the Waterford who traveled extensively in this country a year ago, but his brother, Rev. John de la Poer Beresford. The Earl of Tyrone, eldest son of the deceased, succeeds to the title and estates.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow Lawrence have

recently arrived from Florence. The Ameri-

cans who visit Florence are under a thousand

obligations to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence who

occupy a magnificent residence in that deligh-

ful city. Mr. Lawrence is our Consul General

in the new capital of Italy, and is in the coun-

try for a short time on a leave of absence.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, being

picked by some remark of the Albany Journal

made during the recent Woman's Right Con-

vention, sent the editor a bottle of Mrs. Wins-

low's Soothing Syrup. The editor accepted

but gets rather the better of the donor by

remarking that his wife drags his hair

when she is spanked, and the best medi-

cal talent was constituted who all agreed to

it had become an eating ulcer, and the tongue would have to be amputated which operation was performed last week by Dr. Dunlap, of Springfield, in presence of the physicians of our town and several citizens. The patient we are glad to learn will soon be well.

—The report of the Secretary of the

Treasury will show that the receipts over the

expenditure for the last fiscal year were \$67,

000,000, and that the public debt has been

reduced during the past twelve months \$200,

000,000. The total public debt is \$2,500,000,

000, being nearly \$500,000,000 less than was

estimated for July 1, 1866, by Secretary Mc-

Guloch in his last annual report.

Take Care of Your Tongues.

From the Washington (Ohio) Register.

Last winter our townsmen, Mr. Joseph

Knight, put a frosty nail into his mouth

which adhered to his tongue, taking off a

small particle of the covering or skin,

when it was recovered a long time

afterwards. It was necessary to have

it amputated to have it removed.

—The Legislature of North Carolina,

after four balloting, elected M. E. Mauley

United States Senator. He was Judge of the

Supreme Court under the Southern Confed-

eracy.

—The latest accident.

RAW MEAT IN DISEASE.

Regimen for Pulmonary Consumption, etc.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

We stated some weeks ago that raw

meat had been used by a European prac-

titioner with signal success in a very

large number of cases of pulmonary con-

sumption. To-day we supply the details

of preparing this article of the

menu.

—The NATIONAL FINANCES.

Report of the Secretary of the

Treasury.

New York, Nov. 29.

A special to the World from Washington,

Dec. 28, says: "The forthcoming report of

the Secretary of the Treasury on the national

finances has been completed and printed for

distribution to the members of the Senate

and House of Representatives.

The report shows that the national

finances are in a much more

favorable condition than at the opening of

the last session.

The customs returns show a rapid

falling off of imports.

Receipts at the five principal ports for

the last week reported

(\$2,740,821) are as follows:

Customs, \$1,049,926.64; foreign

bonds, \$655,031.05; cash on hand

\$10,000, \$100,000, \$10,000; net gain



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Stillwater, June 6, 1866.—3m

PHOTOGRAPHS.

R. H. SINCLAIR, and Brother, would respectfully announce to the inhabitants of Stillwater and vicinity that they have succeeded to the Photographic business, formerly carried on by E. W. Everett, over the Cigar store, Main street.

Photographs have been taken all day, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., and will be ready for delivery at any time. All orders executed with neatness and despatch.

SINCLAIR & BROTHER
N. B. An inspection of Specimens cordially invited.

Stillwater, Oct. 15, 1866.—6

A New Thing.

AND A.

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It saves half the labor in washing, and saves your clothes by not having to rub them.

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Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded!

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Stillwater, Nov. 21, 1866.—12 4m

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The undersigned has been appointed by

the County of Hennepin and for the County of

Washington, Minn., Commissioners to receive

and examine and adjust all claims and demands

against the estate of Peter Carlson, late of

Stillwater, deceased, on the 1st day of Decem-

ber, 1866, in still case, on the 1st day of Decem-

ber, 1866, from 1 to 4 o'clock P.M. of each of said

days, and on the 11th day of March 1867, from

1 to 4 o'clock P.M. of each of said days.

The time limited for presentation of claims

against said estate 12 months from the 11th

day of September, 1866.

JOHN S. PROCTOR,
GEORGE DAVIS,
Commissioners.

TAKEN UP.

By the subscriber, residing in the town of

Stillwater, on the 11th of November, two cows,

one large, lighted with a cow white

on the face, and white belly, about ten years

old; the other a large spotted cow, nine or

ten years old, red head with large white spot

in forehead.

The owner is requested to call and identify

the property, pay charges and take her away.

DOMINICK RUTHERFORD.

Nov. 15, 1866.—12 3m

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A. J. VAN VORHES,
Editor and Proprietor.

VOLUME 11.

STILLWATER MESSENGER

Wednesday, December 12, 1866

The Messenger for 1867.

A TALE BY GENERAL H. H. SIBLEY!

It has been our custom, as our readers are aware, to engage as contributors to the *Messenger*, some of the most distinguished persons in the literary world, not only in this country but also in Europe. As a proof of this we have only to refer to Edward Everett, Charles Dickens, George Sand, Henry Ward Beecher, and others, who, as it is well known, have been writers for the *Messenger*. A feature of the coming year, as will be seen by an announcement elsewhere, is a story by Gen. H. H. Sibley, written expressly for the *Messenger*, the first chapters of which appear on our inside page, entitled "Jack Fawcett," which will extend through several weeks. In addition to this new feature, we shall continue to give the usual quantity of matter from our old and unrivaled corps of contributors.

The *Messenger*, however, as stated on a former occasion, is its own best advertisement and prospectus. The mere fact that we are printing over one hundred thousand copies more than any other weekly or daily paper in the country, is pretty good evidence that the *Messenger* is a popular paper. Its great success, as we have repeatedly announced, is owing to the fact that we spare no expense in getting up the best Family Paper—a paper of high moral tone. The exact representation of its contributors, the practical and invariably pure and healthy character of all its articles, the care which is taken that not even one offensive word shall appear in its columns and the superiority of its Tales and Sketches, have gained for the *Stillwater Messenger* a position which no literary paper has ever before reached.

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PUBLISHER MESSENGER

Stillwater, Minn.

Jack Fawcett is unavoidably postponed.

The Republicans of New Hampshire are already preparing for the next State election, which takes place on the second Tuesday in March, 1867. The Republican State Central Committee of the State have issued a circular to the Republican voters of the State, in which they urge the importance of thorough organization. They say:

"New Hampshire will be the first to speak in 1867, and the anxious eyes of the loyal men all over the country will be turned toward her, and what report we shall give the country and the world remains for you to say."

STILL ANOTHER—Neil's Doll is going to build a large wool barge at the boat yard this winter. This will make four boats that will be building here this winter, the same as last year. Who says the Oseola Boat Yard is not a fixture of the Upper St. Croix—*Ib.*

RUMOR.—It is again rumored that the St. Croix property has changed owners, and that it has now passed into the hands of practical men, who will immediately upon the opening of spring be on here, with a large force of mechanics and laborers, to improve the property, repair old mills, and build new ones, making the place—what its natural advantages indicate it should be—a second Lowell.—*Ib.*

A VINE NEAR THE DOOR.—The Massachusetts *Ploughman* well says that a traveler over a country road would naturally have his eye caught at a thoughts somewhat tangled up by a vine growing vigorously near the door of a home. It does not matter how small or humble that home may be, it is raised in the esteem of any passer-by holding up the suggestive shelter of a vine. It expresses love in the house, thoughtfulness for what is at once graceful and appropriate, pure and healthy domestic sentiment, and a spirit of contented happiness that rarely an one goes the world over to find, and looks for in vain. Such a simple home ornament as this is a token for all men to see, that the dwellers beneath the roof add expression to, are persons of feeling for what is true and lovely, for native refinement and quiet happiness. There should not be a farmhouse in the land without a vine somewhat contiguous.

Call at Hersey, Staples & Doe's and see their splendid stock of Dry Goods.

MUSIC.—Mr. Bronson, a splendid vocalist and an accomplished instructor, meeting with good success in organizing classes in vocal music in our city. He merits the patronage of all our citizens. An adjourned meeting will take place at Armory Hall next Saturday evening, when the classes will be graded and permanently organized. Let every person interested be present Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

"Marriage to make a life a war to me; The battle cannot fear, but the sword hope. By winning at the last, still draw 'em in."

At the residence of Dr. G. Carli on Sunday evening 9th inst., by Major A. Van Vorhes, JOSEPH B. CAREY and Miss LYDIA LOWELL, all of this city. No cards.

Joseph thou reasonest well! Liddle! thou hast chosen the good part which cannot be taken from thee! Our sanctum this morning resembles a Thanksgiving table. Nine baskets of cake, bouquets of flowers, happy smiles—we cannot invoke the cargo. Long life and an eternity of happiness to our young friends. Nat. Lee says

"Marriage to make a life a war to me; The battle cannot fear, but the sword hope. By winning at the last, still draw 'em in."

During the past summer twenty-six new cells were constructed, and when the fall and winter terms of court are heard from, these will all be occupied. At the present increase of population and crime the Prison will need a capacity of seventy-five cells during the coming year. This is a question demanding the prompt and immediate attention of the Legislature soon to assemble.

KILLED.—A little son of Rev. Mr. Knickerbocker, of Minneapolis, was killed a few days since by the locomotive and three cars running over him near the depot. This is the third affliction of the reverend gentleman during the past year—having lost three children in less than one year.

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"BE JUST AND FEAR NOT."

STILLWATER, MINNESOTA, DECEMBER 12 1866.

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NUMBER 14.

Upper St. Croix Items.

LOCAL NEWS.

SPECIAL ORDER, NUMBER 1

G. A. R. will assemble at the usual Parade Ground next Monday evening, 17th inst., at 7. All members are requested to be present promptly, to attend to important business.

By order,

P. KEEFE, Post Adj't.

SCARCE.—Locals are scarce to-day no murders (except accidental,) no suicides, no run-away marriages, no nothing! We could manufacture items, but our advertisers have again crowded us out in the cold.

Other Bound Caps, St. Paul to St. HERSEY, STAPLES & DOE'S

STILLWATER LIBRARY.—In accordance with a notice in our issue of last week, the members and friends of the Library Association met at the office of Wm. M. McElroy on Saturday evening last. After some discussion it was agreed to fix the price of membership at three dollars, and all those present agreed to act as a committee to solicit memberships among our citizens. The meeting adjourned to meet on Saturday evening next, the 13th inst. It is in contemplation to organize an extensive circulating Library, and if sufficient funds are obtained, to add to it a first-class Reading Room, with all the leading Literary and Scientific Periodicals printed in the English language. We trust the project will be cordially supported by our citizens.

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for the work it is run and established by actual survey, to be perpetuated by permanent visible objects, and said actual lines by a scientific surveyor must be shown on the map with the exact measurement of the exterior lines, and also of the municipal subdivisions as specifically designated in the statute.

The verified manuscript map is required to be sent to this office, with an authenticated copy of the field-notes of survey. The map of survey must also be accompanied by the sworn statement of the surveyor as to the extent and general character of the improvement, and with it should be transmitted a general map of the region indicating the locality of the town site as near as possible to the most prominent place in the geography of the survey.

A map must be made as to the hardship of requiring municipal settlers to pay the cost of survey, while non residents are permitted to purchase within the limits of a town while they have no obligation to pay the cost of survey of such a survey. The objection is obviated by restricting the survey to the area applied for by the settlers; yet, should there be surplus lots not claimed, the sale of them would enhance the value of the survey. The increase of population is of the productive power, thereby offsetting any considerations but only incurred in founding the city.

The funds offered at public sale in the last fiscal year amount to \$4,23,984 acres; in addition to which other lands hereof withdrawn from sale or entry, have been re-stored to market.

All the accounts of receivers of public money, and disbursements have been adjusted prior to the act of July. They were insufficient, even in the hands of the most experienced and vigilant officers, to prevent frauds, either, in large or small distilleries.

Great numbers of small stills, for the manufacture of rum from molasses, were secreted in the garrets and cellars of the most populous cities, while many of the recognized and licensed distilleries were run by night, their proprietors keeping fraudulent accounts of their consumption of grain and other vegetable substances, and their production of spirits and the sale or removal thereof to bondholders.

New York Press on the Measures.

The World, commenting on the measures, says: "The President submits to his constituents with respect, indecisive, steeling, but with the calmness of conscious strength. He refrains from discussing or suggesting any new conditions of the admission of the southern members, because he recognises no authority on the part of Congress to impose any such conditions. The south, which has been the most experienced of receivers and disbursing agents' accounts, and the relation this class of officers hold in regard to the acquisition of title, by purchase, or otherwise, of public lands is discussed, and the Committee on Land Administration, in this respect, has applied to General Land Office employees shall be made general in regard to all employees in land administration.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Report of Commissioner Rollins.

The following is a synopsis of the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

For the first time in the history of the office, the tabular statements comprised in its annual report substantially exceed the proceeds from various sources of statuary existing through an entire year. The aggregate amount is considerably in excess of the estimate at the date of my last report, and, as I have reason to believe, of the estimate of others who have given thought to the subject and were most sanguine of the operation of the law.

It cannot be denied that the payment of this enormous tax has pressed heavily upon all classes of our citizens; but they have been encouraged by the remembrance that not only were the current expenses of the Government defrayed thereby, but also a large sum, indeed, incurred for the preservation of the national life, was thus gradually worn off.

I have thought it advisable to present a statement of the aggregate receipts of internal revenue for the past year.

AGGREGATE RECEIPTS.

The aggregate receipts of internal revenue were for the year

1864..... \$117,145,749.52

1865..... 211,129,529.17

1866..... 310,906,854.17

EXPENSE OF COLLECTING THE REVENUE.

The different ways in which accounts of the various internal revenue offices are adjusted and made it impossible to give a correct account of the amount of expense of assessing and collecting the revenue for the year 1865. Many expenses incurred during the year were not paid until after its close, and large amounts were paid on account of expenses of previous years adjusted last year.

From an examination of the allowances made to the distinguishing officers, the payment of the amount of the office and the statements of assessors, compensation and expenses, made by the Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, the expenses of the past fiscal year appear to be \$7,639,700.46.

This is less than two and one-third per centum of the total receipts, exclusive of drawback and refund amounts as erroneously collected. The percentage of expense has been for the previous year, because the receipts were largely increased without a corresponding increase in the cost of collection.

PROBLEMS RECEIPTS FOR THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

From a careful consideration of all the facts in my possession, however, I believe that the receipts of the fiscal year 1867, will reach the sum of two hundred and eighty five millions of dollars, (\$285,000,000.)

TEN PER CENTUM PENALTIES.

The addition of ten per centum to the amount of the tax, or to the amount of the tax, to give a correct account of the amount of expense of assessing and collecting the revenue for the year 1865.

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PELTERS.

To those articles which persons are authorized to peddle, without payment of a special tax, I recommend the addition of fruits, vegetables, eggs, cakes, and confectionery when sold by persons, and foodstuffs, thus protecting many persons and children striving to earn a livelihood, and who, in numerous instances, have been subjected to anxiety and cost.

Wholesale and retail dealers in liquor. — The law of 1862 discriminated between wholesale and retail dealers in liquor by the quantity of single sales. A sale of three gallons or more at one time constituted a retail sale. The present statute provides an additional test, and any person whose annual sales, including sales of other merchandise, exceeds \$25,000, is a wholesale liquor dealer.

The tax upon a retail dealer in liquor is

twenty-five dollars, that of a wholesale dealer one hundred dollars or more. Many dealers whose aggregate sales are small may occasionally sell in quantities of more than three gallons. One such sale imposes an addition of seventy-five dollars. It is difficult for revenue officers to ascertain in such cases when such a sale has occurred. It is burdensome to the dealer to pay for such a quantity. The state fails of its legitimate purpose, and I recommend its modification by striking out the limit in quantity, leaving that of only value or quantity.

Butchers — Butchers are required to pay a special tax of ten dollars, and are not regarded as dealers. The repeal of the tax upon animals slaughtered is the result of the modification of this statute, and I recommend its modification by striking out the limit in quantity, leaving that of only value or quantity.

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OUR AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

Notes on America by an Englishman.

In the Mark Lane Express there is an interesting article from the pen of Mr. James Howard of Bedford, England, touching the agricultural resources and productiveness of America, from which the following paragraphs are transferred to the columns of the Times. Mr. Howard has been agreed upon containing many advantages. A convention with Brazil is also proposed.

There has been an increase in the postage of correspondence exchanged with foreign countries, amounting to \$162,290. Liberal postal conventions have been concluded with Italy and Venezuela. A basis for a new convention with Great Britain has been agreed upon containing many advantages. A convention with Brazil is also proposed.

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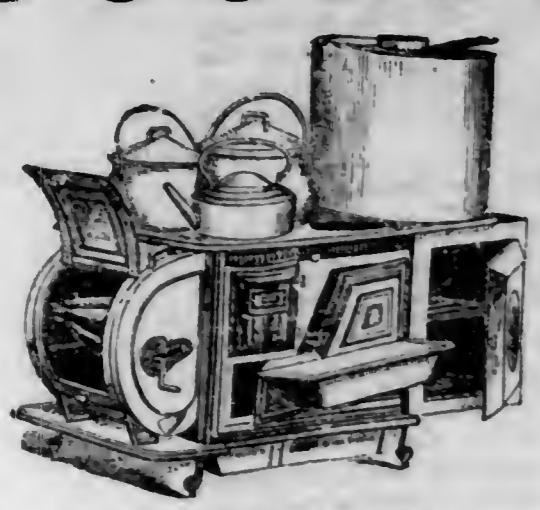
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the County of Washington and State of Min-

nesota, issued to me as guardian of Wealthy

Church, of the late Mr. George M. Moore,

Chaplain —— dated the 15th day of No-

ember, 1866, I shall sell at public auction to

the highest bidder, the following real estate,

situate in said County of Washington, and

owned by said minors, subject to the widow's

dower therein, viz.

The second and quarter of the south-west

quadrant of section No. 22, in township no. 32,

Range R. no. 20, W.

Said sale to be made at the front door of

the Register of Deed's office in Stillwater, in

said County, on the 13th day of December

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meet-

ing of the Stockholders of the Saint Croix

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JNO. S. PROCTOR, Secretary.

Stillwater, Nov. 27, 1866-12 1/2

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STILLWATER MESSENGER
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STATE ITEMS.

SEVERELY INJURED.—Christian Krassia, of St. Mary, while leading a two year old bull, one day last week, was knocked down and trampled upon by him, and so severely injured about the abdomen and back, that it is feared by his physician, Dr. Gore of this place, that he will not recover the use of his lower limbs.—*Wilton News*.

The Chatfield *Democrat* of the 8th inst., says: The stage that left here on Saturday morning had on board a quarter of a cord of swelled wool, two pork barrels, the United States Express, the mail, and "plenty of room inside for one more." There is no talk of taking, there is enterprise in this country.

The King of JOSEPH PORTER.—Joseph Porter, who has long been a resident of Bogus Valley, Wisconsin, came to a violent death this week, which was directly traceable to drinking liquor purchased in this place. On Monday he was in Lake City and called at our office, and during a conversation with him we noticed that he was somewhat intoxicated. While returning across the lake with young Brownley some dispute arose between them which resulted in Porter's making an attack upon Brownley and threatening to throw him into the lake. The other, in self-defense, struck him on the side of his head with an oar, from the effects of which he died on Tuesday night.

After the blow was struck Brownley took Porter to his (Brownley's) home at Jim White's place, where he received every care, and where Dr. Vilas of this place was called to visit him. Brownley who is regarded as a peaceable young man, gave himself up to the authorities. Porter was not quarreled with when sober, and would not have met with such a fearful death but for the rum-sellers who live by destroying the good order of society and those whose lives are valuable to their families if to none others.—*Lake City Leader*.

POPULATION OF RED WING.—According to the census taken by Mr. Gaylord, while collecting statistics for the school-board, the present population of Red Wing is 3,533, being a gain of 1,293, or over 16 per cent., since the state census of last year. The number of males is 1,833; females 1,720.

ST. CROIX VALLEY ITEMS.—
CHAMBERS ETC.—Quite a number of the citizens of this village turned out last Tuesday and chopped wood for the Widows. Each one was supplied with a huge pile, enough to last them through the winter. Another bee, we understand, is to be made, for the purpose of cutting it up for the stores. Such generosity on the part of the "boys," to say the least, is very commendable.—*Polk Co., Press*.

NEARLY STUNG TO DEATH.—Last Sunday George Hay got stung on his tongue by a honey bee which had found its way into his pocket, and from thence been transferred in a quid of fine entombed. Thirsting poisoned and instantly, throwing him into convulsions, and but for the timely arrival of Dr. Marshall, he would undoubtedly have died from its effects.

FIRES AT MARINE.—The fire which lighted up the horizon and was plainly seen from this village one night last week, was the burning of a School House at Marine. The house and contents were a total loss.

THE KILLING OF MRS. LIZZIE HAWKS.—Our readers will recollect the tragical affair that occurred at the Mansion House, on the 21st day of August last, in which Mrs. Lizzie Hawks suddenly came to her death by a shot from a pistol in the hands of her reputed husband. The testimony before the Coroner's jury tended to show that the parties had been at the Mansion House about three weeks, living apparently on the most affectionate terms. Mr. Hawks was not examined by the Coroner's jury, as he was as yet a married man, and was still obliged to go a courting—he being a put-up-juror, in charge of the scene.

A TRIP TO STILLWATER.—Last Monday we accepted the kind invitation of Capt. Boxell, to take a ride in Stillwater, and were much delighted with the trip. Though the weather was quite agreeable, and the trip, which occupied about three hours, was pleasant to all—the being quite a party of ladies and gentlemen on board.

At Stillwater we dined at the Hotel, and finally ended the day in the gaily-bedecked hall of the Sawyer House. Mr. Lovell, and most say that we like his style, and also that he is one of those who know just how to make the travelling public comfortable and happy. The "Sawyer" is the best, and best appointed Hotel in the Northwest.

WE ALSO RECEIVED the information of the *Messenger*, who informed us that he was a sad and dismal man, as he was known to be a married man, and was still obliged to go a courting—he being a put-up-juror, in charge of the scene.

We also find in with Prof. J. W. Boxell, of Atchison, who is a good man, and who has a good time, as he says, a pleasure to meet.—In such company it was impossible for one not to have a good time." So we had it!

Stillwater is no longer a "dead town." Improvement is going forward on every hand, and the most agreeable features in this line is the large number of new houses and sidewalks taking their place along the main Street. Several large buildings have been put up, and other improvements too numerous to mention made this season.

The trade of the city is never better.

Trade is also well, loaded with supplies for the winter regions of the St. Croix, and lumbermen in their red shirts, stout hats and heavy, are streaming northward to battle with the monarchs of the forest during the winter.

Everything betokens a lively campaign, and the result is seen in the quick elastic step and bright cheerful faces of all.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD.—We learn from the St. Cloud *Journal* that Jacob Rider, of Waton, died recently at the advanced age of one hundred years and ten days. He was evidently the oldest inhabitant in the state at the time of his death in the state. He voted at the Presidential election.

See the advertisement of Rev. Mr.

Hatch, in another column, in reference to "Christmas Presents."

LOCAL NEWS.

STILLWATER LIBRARY.—At a meeting of those interested in the question of a library held at the office of Wm. M. McClellan on Saturday, evening, an increased interest was apparent from the large number present. Thirty persons pledged themselves to become members, and a committee from the I. O. G. T. on the subject of organizing a club-room, was present, and pledged themselves to make an effort to secure memberships at the next meeting of the Lodge. The next library meeting will be held at the same place on Saturday evening next. Let all interested be present, as a permanent organization will be effected at that time.

Call at Hersey, Staples & Does and see their splendid stock of Dry Goods.

STANLEY'S GIFT SALE.—Tickets for this popular scheme are selling with a rush. Mr. A. B. Easton, the agent at this place, informs us that he has nearly sold out, and as he is instructed to make returns on Saturday of this week, those desirous of taking a chance should call upon him immediately. We are told that three dollars will draw one of the finest and most desirable brick blocks in La Crosse, valued at \$18,000. One dollar will draw an eight hundred dollar piano, or a two hundred dollar gold watch, or a solid silver tea set, and every article is guaranteed to be exactly as described. The drawing will positively take place on the 31st day of this month. We are quite confident that some of the ticket holders of Stillwater will win some valuable prizes.

Ladies' and Gent's Arctic O. & Shoes, for sale cheap, at HERSEY, STAPLES & DOES.

MASONIC INSTALLATION AND BALL.—By a notice elsewhere, it will be seen that there is to be an installation of the officers elect of St. John's Lodge of A. F. and A. M., at the Myrtle street church on the 27th inst. An address is to be delivered by the Rev. Dr. McMasters of St. Paul. A delegation of the brotherhood is expected from St. Paul. The installation ceremonies will be open to all, and the citizens are cordially invited to be present.

After the ceremonies at the church, the Masons, with their wives, will partake of a supper at the Sawyer House, the whole affair to close with a Grand Ball in the evening. It will, no doubt, be a pleasant occasion.

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A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.—We regret exceedingly a typographical error which occurred in our last issue—occurred by the hurry usually attending the making up of a paper. In an article alluding to "a sad and fatal accident," occurring on Brown's Creek, our types made us say that "A. S. Nipe" was accidentally killed by one of our citizens, while on a sporting excursion. The article should have stated that Mr. Butler killed "a snipe" not A. S. Nipe. We implore the forgiveness of our contemporaries, and hundreds of citizens who were misled by the accidental errors of our compositors—to be forgiven on the grounds of our unfortunate chirography.

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The mare is ROAN MARE, two years old, three white legs, white face, light colored mane and tail, short legs and stout build.

Any information thereof will be thankfully received if sent to me care of John B. Prince, or to A. Nessel & Wm. Altenberg, Cottage Grove—on the 1st of January, 1867, to either named, a suitable reward will be given.

G. A. B. SHAWE.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 20, 1866.—12-3.

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BANK NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a

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O. R. ELLIS, Cashier.

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At the Messenger Office, Stillwater.

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STILLWATER MESSENGER
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MINNESOTA BANKS.—While in the office of the Auditor of State a few days ago, one of the gentlemanly clerks, Mr. Lucas, exhibited to us the official bank statement. There are fifteen National Banks in this State, with a paid in capital stock of \$1,650,000. The stock one year ago amounted only to \$350,678, showing a remarkable increase of capital and business. While in 1858-9 not a dollar of bank currency issued in Minnesota, was recognised as being of any intrinsic value whatever out of the State, or as worthy of much confidence in it, now our banks furnish an aggregate circulation of \$1,474,613, which is at uniform par value throughout the country, and is received by the General Government for taxes. This statement also gives the surprising amount of \$1,745,998 belonging to individuals, on deposit, on the 1st of October. Probably one-eighth of that sum would have covered the deposits of the citizens of this State in 1858.

The introduction of this currency is calling in the currency of the old State Banks. One year ago the outstanding currency of these banks amounted to \$350,678, but is now reduced to \$91,578 on the 31st of November.

INDEPENDENT.—The "fired help" in some of our first families seem to think that their proper vocation is in the parlor, and that of their mistresses in the kitchen. People will have a difference of opinion. We only pity those in Stillwater who are obliged to put up with all the whims and ways of hired house help. They are objects of charity, and will continue so as the labor of the household or kitchen is in such demand. The girls smash the piano at \$12 a month, while the mistress wrestles with the pots and kettles. And "sighs is life."

Official returns show that there are buried throughout the United States, 341,670 Union soldiers, and that the graves of 138,990, or about two-thirds of the whole number, have been identified. The aggregate of the expenditure of burials and reinterments up to the present time is \$1,144,791,61, and it is estimated that an additional sum of \$1,609,294 will be required. There have been forty-one national cemeteries established, and the more planned.

The sixtieth anniversary of married life is called the pearl wedding. It is a new term given to an enjoyment seldom participated in, and hence like pearls, are few and far between. If persons wish to enjoy pearl weddings they should get married early in life and live prudently.

PUBLIC LANDS.—The following is a list of sales of lands at the Land Office at St. Croix Falls for the month of October.

No. of acres entered with cash, 2,392
" under Homestead
Act, 4,315
" with Agricultural College
Script, 3,650
" with Land Warrants 1,280

Total for month, 12,165

There were forty-four Homestead entries during the month.

The St. Peter Tribune says that Dr. Luke Miller, of Chatfield, will start for Iowa this week for the purpose of bringing the Insane patients now confined in the Iowa hospital to the temporary hospital in St. Peter. There are some sixteen patients to be brought at once, and others confined in the county jail in different portions of the State will soon follow. The Asylum is fully completed and ready for them.

We learn that six or seven families, (some thirty persons) are on their way to this place from western New York, among them are several good Mechanics. They intend to locate here.—*Advertiser.*

CARPET WEAVING.

The subscriber has just opened an establishment in Fetschberg's Addition for the manufacture of

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"BE JUST AND FEAR NOT."

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Scene at the Death of Mr. Lincoln.

At Carlisle, Pa., recently the Presbyterian Synod of the old and new schools being in session at the same place, the two bodies met in communion with great harmony. Rev. Dr. Gurley, pastor of the church in Washington which President Lincoln usually attended, in a speech at the table, gave the following narrative, which has never before been made public:

When summoned on that sad night to the death-bed of President Lincoln, I entered the room fifteen or twenty minutes before his departure. All present were gathered anxiously around him, waiting to catch his last breath. The physician with one hand upon the pulse of the dying man, and the other hand laid upon his heart, was intently watching for the moment when life should cease.

"He lingered longer than we had expected. At last the physician said: 'He is gone; he is dead.'

"Then I solemnly believe that for four or five minutes there was not the slightest noise or movement in that awful presence. We all stood transfixed in our positions, speechless, breathless, around the dead body of that great and good man.

"At length the Secretary of War, who was standing at my left broke the silence and said 'Doctor will you say anything?' I replied, 'I will speak to God.'

"And there, by the side of fallen chief, God put it into my heart to utter this petition, that from that hour we and the whole nation might become more than ever united in our devotion to the cause of our beloved, imperilled country.

"When I ceased, there arose from the lips of the entire company a fervid and spontaneous 'Amen.'

"And has not the whole heart of the loyal nation responded 'Amen'?"

"Was not that prayer, then offered, responded to in the most remarkable manner? When in our history have the people of this land been found more closely bound together in purpose and heart than when the telegraphic wires bore all over the country the sad tidings that President Lincoln was dead?"

How shall Ladies Wear Their Hair.

A duly correspondent thus briefly discusses the above question:

Something must be done, and that quickly, or we shall have all our ladies' sending under barge poles.—The mandates of fashion have been over for three or four years, and now we are paying the penalty of our devotions. Biggest hair is getting thin on the top of her head! Well she has plenty of company in that affliction, if that is any comfort to her.

The waterfalls, curtains, rats, mice and the thousand other ridiculous contrivances of hair-dressers, have all tended to one object—to strain at the roots of the hair by tying and twisting in every possible way. The natural consequence is the downfall of the glory of woman. What shall we do?

Go back to the fashions of shepherd simplicity, and wear our own ringlets over our shoulders! Alas! for us who have looks like unto needles of the pine tree, and whose tresses have as much spiral tendency as the most rigid of pokers! Who will come to our relief, for the waterfall oppresses the brain, and the headaches are prevalent among us. Let some hairdresser arise who will free us from this bondage, and great will be his reward.

MUSICAL.—Mr. Bronson has organized quite a large class in vocal music, which has been meeting in Armory Hall. Owing to the many amusements now engaging the attention of our citizens, the meetings of his class will be suspended until after the holidays. Upon the re-assembling of the class—the time to be designated hereafter—Mr. Bronson will deliver a lecture, to which all interested in music are invited, upon these topics:

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LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas in Stillwater.

Never before did our city present such an array of evergreens and other Christmas accompaniments as during yesterday and a few preceding days. The streets and shop-doors were almost blockaded by the emblems of this Christian holiday. Yesterday was one of the most magnificent days of the year—a bright sun and a mild atmosphere—but the leading festivities of the occasion were on Monday evening. We can only allude to them briefly, omitting mention of the many private parties and family meetings. At the

MYRTLE STREET CHURCH a festival was substituted for the usual Christmas tree. The occasion was highly interesting and pleasant—the young people enjoying the change quite as much as their former mode of celebrating the event. Ample refreshments, good music, social intercourse and an interchange of tokens of affection between pupils and teachers, all went on their way rejoicing at an early hour. At the

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

two elegant trees were erected, each freighted with valuable and brilliant presents. The best of feeling prevailed, reflecting credit upon the managers, and imparting genuine pleasure to scores of pupils and friends. The

UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY

had a beautiful tree in Armory Hall, where all went off "as merry as a marriage bell." Under the charge of Rev. Mr. Bowen, this church and Sabbath school are steadily increasing in numbers and influence.

We do not understand much of the Teutonic language, but from their happy faces and frequent demonstrations of merriment, we know that at the entertainment by the

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

they had a good time generally. Their tree was elegantly decorated. Among the many pleasing incidents was the presentation of a superb sofa to their esteemed Pastor, Rev. Mr. Hoffman. The festival of

ASCENSION CHURCH

will take place next Friday evening—uncontrollable circumstances preventing an earlier time—to which a general invitation is extended.

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GREAT CONFLAGRATION!

A BLOCK IN RUINS!

A SAD CHRISTMAS!

The Christmas festivities of yesterday have been changed to sadness in our city to-day. At 2 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the building occupied by Mr. Casper Weinshenck on Main street, second from the corner of Main and Chestnut, which was not arrested until twelve buildings were reduced to ashes leaving but five buildings standing in the block.

The lateness of the hour—the severity of the weather—the absence of any organization—the inflammable character of the structures, and the want of implements for tearing down buildings—it is remarkable that two thirds of the city is not at this time of writing a smoking heap of ruins.

Everything is swept from the corner of Main street to Webster, Schoemaker & Valentine's store, corner of Myrtle, which was only saved by tearing down an adjoining building. Every building in the block on Chestnut and Union Place but one shared the same fate. On the east side of Main, the south side of Chestnut, and Mower's Block on the west, the buildings are all charred, and the wonder is, that the whole of the city, in the crescent, escaped the devouring element. It was only through the gallant and almost superhuman efforts of our citizens that such a catastrophe was averted.

We have endeavored to ascertain the losses sustained, but have been unable to even approach an approximation. Commencing at the old Astor House, Charles Strader lost most of his stock of groceries. He has been in business only a few months. The building, together with the adjoining one occupied by Mr. Weinshenck, was owned by B. F. Rowell.—No insurance on stock or buildings.

Mr. Weinshenck, proprietor of New America saloon, lost all of his stock and household goods.

Mrs. Harley Curtis owned three buildings in the block, all of which together with her household effects were totally destroyed.

John Shaughnessy, boot and shoe manufacturer, \$1200 in stock.

John Morgan, who a few days since opened a restaurant in one of these buildings, saved the greater portion of his stock and furniture.

Lieut. F. G. Brown, residing in the block, escaped with his family. These were his only treasures, this morning. They reached the street only with the garments worn when retiring to sleep.

Mr. Thalen, of the Metropolitan, is a heavy sufferer. From a stock of \$700 in billiard tables, liquors, &c., he only rescued himself, his safe, and his dogs and birds.

Mr. Mead, boot and shoe manufacturer, lost all of his stock.

The next building was the meat market of Cover & Simpson. We have been unable to ascertain their losses, which must have been extensive.

The saddle shop of Frank Wier was torn down to arrest the flames.

A portion of his stock was saved.

On Chestnut street, the two-story building formerly occupied as a post-office building, was consumed so rapidly that the occupant—Mr. Drexler—only escaped with his family and a portion of his property.

Adjoining this, was the new building of Messrs. Robinson & Keefer—occupied as a fancy grocery and restaurant. Most of the stock was saved, but their loss will be heavy.

NEWS ITEMS.

—A dispatch from Rome says an invitation from the leading dignitaries of the Catholic Church of the United States, extending to the Pope an urgent request for His Holiness to visit that country, has been received and is under consideration. There is some probability of its being accepted.

—Far, late Assistant Secretary of the United States Navy, has returned from Europe, arriving in New York in the Cuba, on Friday last. Mr. Fox has been in clover while in England and Russia having been tendered as many receptions and other honors as if he were President instead of a subordinate department officer.

—The pilots of the New York pilot boat J. D. Jones challenge any pilot boat in the world, or any vessel of the New York Yacht Club of the same tonnage of their vessel for a race from New York to Cowes, England, for a wager of \$50,000; or they will accept a challenge conditional for a race in foreign water for a like sum.

—The complaints of inequality of taxation in Philadelphia have caused the subject to be referred to a board for revision. One paper says that assessments as managed at present in that city, are evidently worse than a farce; they merely furnish a legal excuse for favoritism on one side, and extortion on the other. During a debate in Select Council, one member stated that "there was a property at Chestnut Hill, valued at \$150,000, assessed at \$5,000; one property worth hundreds of thousands assessed at \$11,000, and a property in the Twenty fourth Ward, worth \$150,000, assessed at \$1,000."

—Henry Ward Beecher lectured at Albany on Thursday evening, on Universal Suffrage, and with special reference to women's voting. The *Journal* thinks that his "fanciful theories failed to satisfy the audience as to the practicability of female suffrage."

—An order of arrest has been issued by Judge Morris, of New York City, on the affidavit of Nelson B. Odell, against John Morrissey, John A. Morrissey, William C. France, Charles H. Murray, Z. E. Stevens, William L. Simms, Jacob C. Morrissey, John McFee, A. N. Morrissey, William Ward, William Orde, and others, well known sportmen, of all of whom the Sheriff is directed to hold in bail of \$3,000 each. Odell deposes that he has lost over thirty-four thousand dollars the past year, in patronizing lottery policy shops, owned and kept by the above parties.

—The Miner, of Montreal, says: "After the arrest of his accomplices, Surratt took refuge in Canada, where he remained in hiding for several months. The police were on his steps, and more than once his place of refuge was near being discovered. Thanks, however, to the fidelity of his guardians, who refused the brilliant offers made by some of the American police, he was able to remain at liberty till the moment of his departure for Europe."

—An exchange paper says, "Mr. Morrissey visited the Capitol a few days since, and on noticing the Speaker's desk, inquired whether that was where the referee sat?"

—A handsome actress, connected with one of the New York theaters, recently made a run of 153 points on a four-pocket belt, at a private residence on one of the avenues.

—As the passenger train on the Duquesne and Southwestern road was passing a station on Tuesday evening, the rear car on of the track and rolled down the bank. About forty passengers were injured, though none dangerously so. Among them were B. F. Bonville and M. J. Merritt, of Chillicothe.

—The following is extracted from a Paris letter: "Dumas, the painter, sat at the other night at one of the last representations of *Rodogune* by M. George. 'I do not like to see an old woman die,' said one of the spectators. 'Especially when the death is not real,' remarked the witty Dumas, as quick as light. George Hains, chief of the orchestra at the Italian Opera, was invited to his house by a rich merchant. The note of invitation carried the following postscript, underlined: 'Above all, don't forget your violin.' The artist seeing it was not the man was wanted, but the fiddle, thus replies: 'Sir, I am indisposed and unable to accept your amiable invitation. But you seem to desire it, I send you my violin.'"

—A quiet family in the country were electrified the other day by the receipt of a telegram from a daughter who was teaching in a neighboring city. The dispatch was passed round and greatly admired. The dashing boldness of the chirography came in for its share of the praise. The old lady shook her head with an air of gratified pride as she ejaculated slowly: "Ann Maria always did write like a man; guess she's been taken with her lessons; this beats her last letter in a holler."

—Sir Henry Holland, who passed his summer vacation in America was bereaved of his wife a few days after his return to London. The deceased lady, who had passed the summer at a water side cottage, was seized with apoplexy the day after her arrival at home. She survived but forty-eight hours in an unconscious state. The attack was unexpected. Lady Holland was a daughter of Sir Henry Smith.

—Colorado Jewell, always ingenious, memorialized Congress to declare Hannibal Hamlin President of the United States. He argues that the second election of Mr. Lincoln was not constitutional, as eleven of the States did not appoint electors, and that Mr. Hamlin holds over, as Mr. Lincoln would have done, in the absence of a legal successor.

—The Boston Commercial Bulletin says: "It is because many of the bold men of Boston are so that they block up the highways of enterprise. Enterprise to the Boston is only another expression for reckless adventure; they live only in the region of dreams and rents; and, dying, bequeath rich legacies to Harvard College, to perpetuate wisdom in coming generations. This is no caricature—it is a fact that states us in the face; it is the wealth of Boston, that consolidated, that is the force deadening all our energies."

—The Minneapolis Atlas says that Maria Monk, the author of a sensation a quarter of a century ago, in Montreal, is married to an Englishman and a resident of this State. She is quite an old woman, and appears to be as bitter as ever against numeraries.

—The navy department has not heard from Admiral Goldsborough relative to the embarkation of Surratt, and expects that Assistant Secretary Fox, who was to be in charge of the arrangements, has taken care that the Mediterranean squadron was promptly informed of the order of the government to bring Surratt direct to Washington.

—The editor of "Good Words," asked Miss Mulock the other day, to write a tale for him, and she replied that she would do so if he liked, but not for a less sum than \$8,000 in cold.

INTERESTING TO SOLDIERS.

The New Bounty Bill.

NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following bill was introduced to the House of Representatives on the first day of the session, by Mr. SCHNEIDER of Ohio, chairman of the Military committee. It will probably be amended before it gets through, but there is but little doubt of its passage in some form at the present session:

Mr. Schneider introduced the following bill: A bill to educate the bonuses of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the late war for the Union.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That in case any soldier, sailor, or marine, who has been, or who may herself be honorably discharged from service, for a period of one year, or for a longer period, or at the rate of one hundred dollars per year, as hereinbefore provided, for all the time during which such soldier, sailor, or marine, shall be honorably discharged, or for any period of time, N. or M. or Marine corps of the United States, and who has been, or who may herself be honorably discharged from service, for a period of one year, or for a longer period, or at the rate of one hundred dollars per year, as hereinbefore provided, for all the time during which such soldier, sailor, or marine, shall be honorably discharged, or for any period of time, N. or M. or Marine corps of the United States, and who has been, or who may herself be honorably discharged from service, for a period of one year, or for a longer period, 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From the St. Paul Pioneer, 22d.

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